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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR CLIVE SAMPSON

1. CLIVE SAMPSON, RECENTLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL WORKS, OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, DESIRES FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FROM DEPT. IN ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH USG MAN-POWER EXPERTS ON AN UNOFFICIAL BASIS. SAMPSON WILL BE IN NEW YORK CITY AREA DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AND IS WILLING TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON AT ANY TIME FOR REQUESTED MEETINGS. ALTHOUGH SAMPSON SPECIFICALLY SEEKS APPOINTMENTS WITH MAN-POWER EXPERTS, HIS NEEDS ALSO MIGHT BE SERVED BY CONSULTATION WITH JOB CORPS OFFICIALS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY SELF-HELP GROUPS SUCH AS PRIDE. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST ON POSSIBLE PROGRAMMING.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPECIAL WORKS PROGRAM WAS FOUNDED IN 1956, ORIGINALLY HAD A \$15,000 ANNUAL BUDGET, AND EMPLOYED A SMALL WORK FORCE TO PERFORM MINOR ROAD REPAIRS AND OTHER PUBLIC WORKS. ITS FOREMEN REPORTEDLY WERE POLITICAL HACKS, OFTEN LACKING TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW, BUT WERE SUPPORTED OR RECOMMENDED BY INFLUENTIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IN 1970, WHEN SEVERE CIVIL DISTURBANCES ROCKED THE NATION, PM WILLIAMS IMPOSED A FIVE PERCENT SPECIAL LEVY ON PERSONAL AND CORPORATE TAXABLE INCOME TO TACKLE THE EVER-INCREASING

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PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT (SEE POS A-48, APRIL 1, 1970).

3. THIS FUND SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED THE BUDGET FOR THE SPECIAL WORKS PROGRAM AND LED TO THE PRESENT SITUATION OF A 30,000-STRONG WORK FORCE OF "UNEMPLOYABLES" INVOLVED IN THIS PROGRAM, FUNDED BY AN ANNUAL BUDGET IN EXCESS OF \$8 MILLION. POLITICS CONTINUES TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE SPECIAL WORKS PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO SELECTION OF PROJECTS AND HIRING OF WORKERS. IN ADDITION, SAMPSON SAYS THE FACT THAT 70 PERCENT OF THE PROGRAM'S FOREMEN ARE EXCONVICTS IS A SEVERE IMPEDIMENT TO PROGRAM'S SUCCESS. HIS WPA-TYPE AGENCY HAS TURNED INTO AN INEFFICIENT PARASITE WHICH DEVOURS EVERY INCREASING SUMS OF MONEY YET RETURNS VERY LITTLE TO SHOW FOR IT. THE WORK FORCE INCLUDES BOTH MALES AND FEMALES AND AGES VARY FROM 16 TO 75; MOST HAVE AT BEST A PRIMARY EDUCATION, AND VIEW THE JOBS PROVIDED THROUGH THE SPECIAL WORKS PROGRAM AS A WAY TO RECEIVE A SMALL INCOME WITHOUT WORKING.

4. SAMPSON IS A TRAINED CIVIL SERVANT AND FEELS VERY DISCOURAGED ABOUT THIS EXISTING SITUATION; NEVERTHELESS HE REALIZES TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES AFFORDED BY HIS NEW POSITION. IN SUM, HE SEEKS BOTH A SYMPATHETIC EAR AND SOUND ADVICE, AND EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT EFFORTS TO ARRANGE BRIEF BUT THOROUGH PROGRAMMING FOR SAMPSON WILL BE AMPLY REPAID.
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